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1. NZ PERMREP TEMPLETON'S STATEMENT IN FIRST COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 31 (REFTEL D) AND CONVERSATION REPORTED IN REFTEL C INDICATE NEED TO REINFORCE IN WELLINGTON APPROACH OUTLINED IN REFTEL B.

2. OUR BASIC DOUBTS ABOUT PROPOSED SPNWFZ ARRANGEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED BY NZ FIRST COMMITTEE STATEMENT. INDEED, TEMPLETON STATEMENT MAKES CLEAR THAT NEW ZEALAND INTENDS EVENTUAL EXTENSION OF ZONE TO HIGH SEAS. TEMPLETON'S STATEMENT ALSO DOES NOT MEET OUR CONCERNS REGARDING OVERFLIGHT OR TRANSIT QUESTIONS.

3. US CANNOT ACCEPT CONCEPT WHICH APPEARS TO CONTEMPLATE EVENTUAL RESTRICTIONS ON INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RIGHTS OF NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT OF MARINE AREAS, AND WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSIT BY US MILITARY AIR-

CRAFT OF NEW ZEALAND TERRITORY, ESPECIALLY SINCE NEW ZEALAND IS ANZUS ALLY.

4. WE ARE NOT SATISFIED THAT PROPOSED ZONE AS CONTEMPLATED BY NEW ZEALAND WOULD NOT AFFECT NECESSARY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, PARTICULARLY ANZUS. AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT BEFORE, ANY RESTRICTIONS ON MOBILITY OF US FORCES COULD DETRACT FROM OUR ABILITY TO SUPPORT OUR ALLIES.

5. WE CONSIDER THAT IMPACT OF ZONE WOULD NOT BE SAME ON ALL MAJOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES, SINCE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA DO NOT HAVE TRADITIONAL PRESENCE, STRATEGIC INTEREST, ALLIANCE COMMITMENTS, AND TERRITORY IN SOUTH PACIFIC THAT WE DO. WE FIND NOTHING IN TEMPLETON STATEMENT THAT ANSWERS THIS CONCERN.

6. WITH RESPECT TO PROSPECT OF INCLUDING US TERRITORIES IN SOUTH PACIFIC IN ZONE, GONZ SHOULD BE AWARE THAT, AS WE HAVE INDICATED IN REGARD TO TREATY OF TLA TELOLCO, WE

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CONTINUE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN NWFZ WHICH APPLIES TO STATES OF REGION AND ONE WHICH ALSO APPLIES TO TERRITORIES WITHIN REGION OF STATES EXTERNAL TO REGION.

7. EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH MFA, MAKING POINTS IN PARAS 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 6, AND EMPHASIZE OUR CONTINUING CONCERN. EMBASSY ALSO SHOULD REINFORCE AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S APPROACH CONCERNING REVISION OF RESOLUTION AS PROPOSED IN

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